REMARKS

Docket No.: E0196.0004

Claims 1-23 are pending, with claims 1-8 rejected and claims 9-23 withdrawn

from consideration.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8 as being indefinite, because it is the

Examiner's position that it is not clear where the protective structure, as recited in claim

1, line 9, is located. The drawings have been objected to because the claimed protective

structure is not shown.

In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to specify that: a) the protective

structure comprises the second electrical conductor, and b) the integrated circuit detects

the rise in the current flow within the second electric conductor. Applicant believes the

amendments to claim 1 overcome the rejection and objection, and that the pending

application is now in condition for allowance.

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